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Subject: FW: EPA Planning Call Tomorrow

As you can see, the community members are on top of the event. I think we should accommodate their input as much as possible. I'm still catching up on the structure that HQ is proposing, but I think the community suggested structure for Monday night is right on the mark. I've added in my preliminary responses to Andrea's questions at the end so we can discuss further at a meeting later this morning for whomever can make it. I'll send out an invitation shortly.

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Dear Jim & Meghan,
Thank you for an informative call last week on the Region 1 EPA meeting. We are very excited to collaborate with you on this and for the community participation in this event.

We have some feedback and additional questions for you based on the format you presented last week that we wanted to share with you before our next planning call tomorrow. We also would like to know if you can send us any info or updates before the call tomorrow so we can maximize our time on the call together to allow for a meaningful discussion.

Monday Night Agenda:

We love that community groups will get the opportunity to speak and present our stories. We are working hard to raise funds to allow for multiple community groups from all across New England to make it to New Hampshire to share their stories. So far, we know of 6 communities that will be represented at the meeting and we would like to ask that the agenda for Monday night be revised to allow for more time for community stories and less mix and mingle. We appreciate the opportunity to have posters*, but feel the platform to share and present our stories on Monday night should be given more time (especially given the significant amount of travel and time some of these groups are sacrificing to be there). Here is the revised agenda we propose for Monday night:

5:00 - 5:30: arrive & mingle;
5:30 - 5:50: opening remarks,
5:50 - 6:50: 3 community group chosen presentations,
6:50 - 7:05: break,

7:05 - 8:05: 3 community group chosen presentations,
8:05 - 8:20: break,
8:20-9:00 Q&A/Public Speak w EPA.

*perhaps if we set up posters before 5pm and left them up until leaving on Tuesday, it would provide an opportunity for attendees to view during breaks and before/after, while still maximizing time for impacted community presentations

Tuesday Day Agenda:

We like that the community will have the opportunity for one speaker in the morning agenda. We would like to use this time to briefly summarize the stories of the night before, highlight the different action being taken in each community, and state in very clear bullet points the action steps the communities needs from the EPA in their PFAS Management Plan. Please let us know how much time we can anticipate for this portion of the meeting.

We also really appreciate and welcome the opportunity to sit on the panels in the afternoon to speak to the perspective of the community. Can you please give us more details on the length of each panel, which other representatives will be on the panel, and how the panel will be moderated as we want to adequately prepare for our participation on the panels.

A few other logistical things we would like to know:

Has the venue been set? And is it climate controlled?

Is there a flyer or press release yet promoting the meeting?

Will the meeting be live streamed and/or recorded? If not, can community groups record or live stream the meetings?

Is EPA coordinating a block of rooms at local hotels that communities can participate in?

Will EPA be coordinating a lunch that meeting participants can purchase on Tuesday to minimize the need for leaving the venue and allowing for more networking among participants? At the DC summit, EPA used an outside company to provide lunch (sandwich, chips, and drink) for a fee of \$10 to attendees to purchase at the Summit (they took orders ahead of time when people signed up) and told people to bring cash to the Summit (which they collected at check in). Having lunch on site to purchase allowed for more discussion among attendees and I personally found it helpful to be able to eat and chat with people I had not met before. I can suggest some sandwich shops in the area that may be willing to provide lunch in a similar way, but would mean when people register for the event that they would have to select what type of sandwich they want.

I know I included a lot of information and questions in this email. I will list all the questions below so they are in one place for you to see. If possible (and I realize it's last minute), please provide answers to the questions before our planning call tomorrow so we can continue the discussions and planning. Also, please let us know of any other updates on your end so we can be prepared for follow up discussions. Again, thank you so much for your collaboration with us and your willingness to include us in so many aspects of this meeting.

Best,
Andrea

Community Questions for EPA:

- 1) Can Monday night agenda be revised to allow for more time for community stories (given the significant sacrifices community members are making to be there)? TBD/YES
- 2) How much time will the community be given for their session on Tuesday morning? TBD
- 3) Please provide more details on the Tuesday afternoon session that will include community members and others for a moderated discussion (who will be on the panels, who will be moderating the panel, what topics will be discussed)? TBD
- 4) Has the venue definitely been set? YES
- 5) Is the venue climate controlled? YES
- 6) Is there a flyer or press release yet promoting the meeting? MONDAY
- 7) Will the meeting be live streamed and/or recorded? TBD

- 8) If EPA will not be recording/live streaming, can members of the community record/live stream? YES
- 9) Is EPA coordinating a block of rooms at local hotels that communities can participate in? NO
- 10) Will EPA be coordinating lunch at the venue that can be available for people to purchase? TBD